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DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

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February 6, 2002

Steven George
350 Hoff Road
Moxee WA 989396

RE: Water Used Under 2001 Emergency Permits

Dear Mr. George:

Thank you for your prompt submittal of meter readings for Emergency Drought Permit No. G4-32969.

The amount of water authorized under the Yakima Basin 2001 Emergency Drought Permits was 8958.6 acre-feet. The amount of water reported used is 2498.6 acre-feet. Please note that this figure is an estimate, as all the data on emergency water use has not yet been submitted to the Water Resources Program. Nevertheless, we are confident this is a close estimate.

Polly Zehm will be contacting you in the future with the information you requested on the drought account.

Please don't hesitate to contact me at (509) 454-7294 with further questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Blakeney
Water Resources Program

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November 19, 2001



Phil Crane
Department of Ecology
15 West Yakima Ave. Suite 200
Yakima, WA 98902-3452

RE: Your 11/16/01 Correspondence

Dear Phil:

Thank you for your correspondence dated November 16, 2001 (copy enclosed) which states you are requesting the metering reports on authorized 2001 emergency ground water withdrawals.

Please be advised that I sent my well log information to Bob Barwin on October 29, 2001, so I'm assuming it should be in your files. If you can not find it, please let me know and I will resend it. If your staff wishes to conduct additional follow up, they will need to contact me for an appointment. My office number is 453-4749.

I would also like a copy of your 2001 emergency ground water use data for the Yakima Basin as soon as it is available.

Sincerely,

Steven E. George
350 Hoff Road
Moxee, WA 98936

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November 16, 2001

Steven George
350 Hoff Rd
Moxee WA 98936

RE: Application No(s). G4-32969

Earlier this year, the Department of Ecology issued an Emergency Drought Authorization under the above-referenced application number for the use of emergency wells in the Yakima River basins to supplement reduced deliveries during this irrigation season. In some cases new wells were approved for this purpose.

One of the provisions of the authorizations was that a flow meter must be installed, water use monitored, and the water use records submitted to the department at the end of the irrigation season. At this time, I am writing to request the metering reports on these wells. If you did not drill a well that was authorized, or did not use water that was authorized, please let us know.

My staff will be conducting end of irrigation season field visits in the near future. Your meter records and information on the completion of new wells is greatly appreciated.

If you have questions, please call Suzanne Blakeney at (509) 454-7294.

Sincerely,

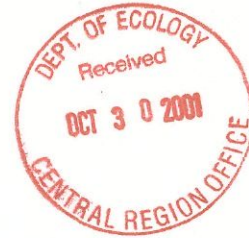
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Phil Crane, Unit Supervisor
Water Resources Program

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October 29, 2001

Robert F. Barwin
Section manager, Water Resources Program
Department of Ecology
15 West Yakima Avenue, Suite 200
Yakima, WA 98902



RE: Emergency Drought permit G4-32969

Dear Mr. Barwin:

As requested by your May 7, 2001 emergency drought permit, enclosed is a spreadsheet of the water used out of my irrigation well for the 2001 season. As you can see, 51.6 acre feet of the 60.8 acre feet allotted were used.

We made every effort to conserve water use this year. Our Roza irrigation water allotment would not have been enough to keep our trees from suffering severe damage. The emergency water saved our trees and allowed us to keep our work force. Without it, viable production would at best be questionable and we would have had to lay off our workers.

As we are unsure of what future weather patterns may be, I hope your department is drafting plans for emergency drought permits in 2002, if they are needed.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,


Steven E. George

c. Senator Jim Honeyford

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15 West Yakima Avenue, Suite 200 • Yakima, Washington 98902-3452 • (509) 575-2490

May 7, 2001

To: Carroll Palmer, Yakama Nation

RE: Emergency Drought Permit re: Steven E George
(G4-32969)

Enclosed is a copy of the Department of Ecology's Emergency Drought Permit, which constitutes our determination and order regarding the above-referenced application. If you have any questions or concerns about any of this information, please call Carol Mortensen of the Department of Ecology at (509) 575-2597.

This Order may be appealed pursuant to RCW Chapter 43.21B. The person to whom this Order is issued must file an appeal with the Pollution Control Hearings Board within thirty (30) days of receipt of this Order. Send the appeal to: Pollution Control Hearings Board, P.O. Box 40903, Olympia, Washington 98504-0903. At the same time, a copy of the appeal must be sent to: Department of Ecology, Fiscal Office, P.O. Box 47615, Olympia, Washington 98504-7615. All others receiving notice of this Order must file an appeal with the Pollution Control Hearings Board within thirty (30) days of the date the Order was mailed in the same manner described above.

Sincerely,

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Robert F. Barwin, Section Manager
Water Resources Program

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Enclosures: Emergency Drought Permit

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